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BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS  
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Ex parte MITSUHIRO NAKAMURA, MASARU WADA,  
CHIHIRO UCHIBORI & MASANORI MURAKAMI

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Appeal No. 2000-0456  
Application 08/809,463

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ORDER REMANDING TO EXAMINER

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On February 2, 2000, applicants, via a certificate of mailing under 37 CFR § 1.8, timely filed a Reply Brief (Paper No. 15), and a Request for Oral Hearing (Paper No. 16). The record does not contain a response from the Examiner stating whether the Reply Brief has been entered, and if entered, what effect the Reply Brief has on the pending rejections. See Manual of Patent Examining Procedure, § 1208.03.

Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that the application is remanded to the Examiner for: 1) consideration of the Reply Brief filed February 2, 2000;

2) notification of said consideration to appellant; and

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3) for such further action as may be appropriate.

It is important that the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences be informed promptly of any action affecting the appeal.

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